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Via ECFS Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1

Dear FCC,

We chose Sonic as our Internet Service Provider because we like their competitive service. They offer better customer service and we think in this free market we should be able to choose our ISP.

AT&T is looking to end that. They want to destroy Sonic and other local ISP's ability to license access to the lines that go into our homes. They want to destroy competition. We are against that. You SHOULD be against that.

Competition from local ISPs like Sonic is what will drive innovation in the technology that connects us to the world. We want them to be able to build faster networks that compete, something the major ISPs want to crush. If the larger ISPs don't have to compete, they will not innovate or work hard to provide faster networks or better service.

I work from home a lot, and I've had nothing but nightmares dealing with a large telecom that doesn't care a whit about a little guy like me. That's why I switched. The big companies' data throttling and price hikes are crushing the small business economy to increase their immediate bottom line. This is not forward thinking for the growth of American business as a whole.

The large telecoms don't need deregulation so they can charge more and crush smaller competitors. They can't be allowed to eat everyone up and become too big to fail, because the Internet is too important to allow that. They need competition.

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